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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

It's been quite a busy 2002. As we close the year, we would like to take a moment to update you on all the happenings in Professional Development over the past 12 months.

First, we've MOVED! In September the Professional Development Division moved to the CAP Annex. While our mailing address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses remain the same, we are now sharing space with the Marketing and Public Relations Directorate and the Chaplain. When you come to visit you can find us on the 2nd floor of the Airman Leadership School, across from the dining facility.

Our registrars, Jennifer and Sharon continue to work with MS to fine tune the Professional Development database, and have made great progress. Additionally, you should have noticed further progress in processing awards and Professional Development Report (PDR) updates, with member PDR record updates the day after they are received.

Bobbie-Jean and I have published electronic updates to the Squadron Leadership School (SLS). We've also revised the Introduction to Civil Air Patrol (CAPP 50-5), and it's available now. CAP Regulation 50-17 will be voted on by the National Board in February 2003.

Working with the National Staff College (NSC) director and his staff, we've helped to complete the most comprehensive re-write of the curriculum in staff college history - a three-year process which has cemented NSC's status as the *premiere* course in Civil Air Patrol. All this in addition to supporting local, region, and national-level professional development courses of all types.

More importantly, let's talk about what you've done in 2002. Over 4100 of your fellow members have completed the Orientation Course, and nearly 5000 members completed Cadet Protection. You conducted 145 Squadron Leadership Schools graduating nearly 1100 members, and 108 Corporate Learning Courses graduating over 550 members. About 200 members completed the Unit Commanders Course.

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In addition, nearly 3400 members enrolled in Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed Learning (AFIADL) courses, with 1625 members completing those courses.

Over 4400 members received new or upgraded specialty track ratings, and nearly 2600 people received their Certificate of Proficiency with over 200 of those earning the Yeager Award seal. About 350 people received their Grover Loening Award, and a little less than 200 people their Paul Garber Award. Finally, 72 members received the highest award the Professional Development program has to offer - the Gill Robb Wilson Award. It's a pleasure to see so much happening.

That's our snapshot of 2002. On behalf of Jen, Sharon, Bobbie-Jean, and our newest addition Barry, I want to wish all of you a safe and prosperous holiday season. See you in 2003!

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WELCOMES NEW ADDITION

We are pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Barry Spink as our newest Program Manager/Instructional Systems Developer. Barry will be joining Ms. Bobbie Tourville in creating, revising, and managing Civil Air Patrol's professional development programs for senior members.

If Barry's name sounds familiar, it's because he's been a member of the Aerospace Education and Training team since the fall of 1996, working as the Chief of ET Administration.

Before coming to Headquarters Civil Air Patrol, Barry was a career Air Force member, his last assignment being the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) at the Air Force Historical Research Agency here at Maxwell AFB. While there he wrote the curriculum for the history career field as well as completed a variety of research projects. His research and training skills will be an excellent addition to the professional development division.

Barry is also pursuing a Master of Liberal Arts degree (History concentration) from Auburn University at Montgomery. Of special note, Barry is a long-time member of CAP, assigned to the Alabama Wing.

Please join us in welcoming Barry while he settles in with us and helps us to really kick off the new year.

PDQ NOTES

As mentioned in the Holiday Update article, the new **Introduction to Civil Air Patrol** has been released. Please note that its classification has been changed from manual to pamphlet, and that its number has also changed. It is now listed as **CAP Pamphlet 50-5**. The newest edition was sent to all CAP units in recent unit mailouts. It is also included in the new member packet that all new senior and cadet members receive. Finally, it can be purchased through the CAP Bookstore or downloaded from the Civil Air Patrol homepage.

Recently, many of you have called saying that AFIADL has put several CAP correspondence courses on hold, specifically the CAP Senior Officer Course and the Scanner Course. We checked with AFIADL and found that the course shipments were being held up because more packets were in the process of being printed. By the time this issue of PDQ reaches you, those shipping problems will have been solved.

Also remember that AFIADL course exams are not automatically sent to the wing test control office. Students must request the course exam on an AFIADL Form 17, *Corrected or Latest Enrollment Data* form. The exams are then mailed to the wing headquarters where they are typically forwarded to the student's unit. Please leave enough time between the shipment, completion, and grading of the course exam, and

the student's course expiration date (normally one year from the date of enrollment).

We also want to remind testing officers and students that AFIADL tests are closed-book exams. Open-books, and notes are not allowed while testing, and that discussion of test questions or content is not permissible under any circumstances.

The end of the year is a really good time to sit down with your unit commander and set goals for your professional development efforts for the coming year. The goals don't have to be especially elaborate, but they should provide a framework for your efforts next year. Do you want to have everyone complete and SLS or CLC next year? Do you have some members who should go to Region Staff College, or complete the CAP Senior Officer Course? Do you want to find an assistant? Do you want to set a goal concerning how many members get training awards or who complete the Yeager Award? Setting goals can really focus your efforts, and setting the goals with your commander can really solidify command support.

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